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the number of Greek life organizations on GCSU's campus.

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## Five in a row



ERIN GISH / SENIOR PHOTOGRAHER

Sophomore pitcher, Alex Burkard, fires a pitch against Colombia Union on Tuesday. The Bobcats destroyed the Pioneers 22-2 in the second game of the double header for their fifth strait win. For complete coverage turn to **Page 14**

## Homecoming honors old, new

BY KATELYN HEBERT  
STAFF REPORTER

This Homecoming, students embrace the school's "old traditions and new beginnings" for GCSU's 120 year anniversary.

To come up with the theme for this year's Homecoming, a student committee composed of members of SGA, CAB and RSA came up with three ideas which were then narrowed down by the Homecoming Executive Committee. After debate, "old traditions new beginnings" won over the others to become the theme for Homecoming 2009. Tom Miles, chair of the Homecoming Committee, believes discussing the history and future of GCSU is appropriate for the anniversary.

"SGA has worked hard over the last few years to create a lasting ethos on the campus: they invested in a mascot, supported the

creation of a new Student Center, fully funded Homecoming with a concert and purchased Bobcat Vision as a new way of communicating on campus," Miles said. "They are continuing to support new ideas and ways to build a campus climate full of spirit and pride."

According to Miles, with over 200 student groups and over 1000 students in Greek organizations participating, "the campus has been transformed in so many ways."

Cindy McClanahan, one of the co-chairs of the Homecoming Marketing Committee, has been working closely with the SGA and the Homecoming Committee to promote the activities for the week.

"This year's theme pays homage to the past, while still looking toward the future to see what exciting new things our current students

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## Greek Week brings competition to campus

BY WARREN JOHNSON  
STAFF WRITER

In lieu of homecoming, the GCSU Greek Community banded together for a week-long series of competitions including a step show, tug-of-war, relay races and sports events.

Greek Week started off with a bang. Nearly 1,000 sorority and fraternity members, their friends and parents crowded into Russell Auditorium last Friday for Greek Show, the first event of a week-long competition.

"It was the greatest thing I've seen all year," Laurie Allen, sophomore pre-nursing major, said. "I even didn't mind standing up the whole time."

Allen isn't a member of a sorority but has many friends who are.

"I know how hard everyone has been working to get ready for Greek Week," Allen said. "So I came to support them, and I was really impressed."

Greek Show began with a Greek god and goddess competition followed by the step show.

Leslie Farman, senior, worked hard to choreograph the step routine for Alpha Delta Pi.

"The girls practiced really, really hard this year," Farman said.

Their hard work paid off. Alpha Delta

Pi won the Greek step show while Phi Mu came in second, and Delta Zeta came in a close third.

Greek Show wrapped up with Greek Sing in which one sorority and fraternity pair up for a fun karaoke performance.

Jamie Cowan, a freshman Delta Zeta, participated in Greek Sing.

"We really bonded with the guys of Delta Sigma Phi," Cowan said. "And it helped to do something really lighthearted, since step can get serious."

Practice for Greek Week events started at the beginning of the semester when the sororities and fraternities began tugging vehicles over bricks.

Courtney McMahon, a junior of Delta Zeta, explained how gruesome practices were.

"Sunday afternoon isn't bad," said McMahon. "But we even practiced before the sun came up. Delta Zeta is hardcore."

The tug competition was held Sunday afternoon at West Campus. Again, the thunderous crowd cheered on its members as the rope crossed the line. Kappa Alpha Order and Alpha Delta Pi won the tug competition.

"At least I can eat now," McMahon joked. "Now, I'm ready to kick butt at softball."

The softball games were held Tues-

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SPECIAL TO THE COLONNADE

Sororities compete in Greek Week competition "Tug." For complete coverage turn to **Page 3**



AUBREY PETKAS / SENIOR REPORTER

(L-R) Jonathan "Bob" Ewing and Jon Joiner recently became the owners of Amici in Milledgeville. Joiner started working at Amici in 2001, as a bartender, eventually working his way up to general manager.

## GCSU alumni re-invest in city

BY AUBREY PETKAS  
SENIOR REPORTER

Fame and fortune—perhaps not all at once—may come to those who stick around. Jonathan "Bob" Ewing and Jon Joiner have found their jackpot at Amici Italian Café located in downtown Milledgeville among their old college stomping grounds.

It became official on Jan. 1—Amici Italian Café was no longer a corporate tentacle but an individually owned restaurant.

According to Institutional Research and Enrollment Management, GCSU churns out approximately 1,200 undergraduate and graduate students into the nation's job pool each May. As history has it, most GCSU alums relocate to metro areas, including Atlanta, where an abundance of job opportunities await them.

There are incentives, however, for those who stay close to their alma mater. Downtown Milledgeville, for example, is considered an enterprise or opportunity zone where business owners may qualify for certain tax-incentive programs.

"Milledgeville has benefited by the plethora of government jobs," Scott Wood, city manager, said. "They have provided the community with a base and stability. However, this has not exactly encouraged entrepreneurship. The GCSU alumni who acquired Amici have created their own professional asset instead of stepping into the pre-disposed job vacuum."

For the two GCSU alums and newly-found entrepreneurs—Ewing and Joiner—the small college town of Milledgeville has offered them the

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# Locker room break-in

BY MATT CHAMBERS  
STAFF REPORTER

The locker room: a place for towel snapping, sweat socks and Coaches' anger. This sacred haven for athletes is used to store belongings during practices and games.

So when the men's basketball team's Centennial Center locker room was broken into on Feb. 8, the team was caught off guard.

Redshirt freshman Marvin Harris Jr. took a well-timed restroom break, during team practice, only to discover two uninvited guests in the locker room.

"We were practicing and I came in to use the bathroom and they were just going through Mike Ross's wallet and I was like, 'What are y'all doing?' and they were like, 'Oh we're looking for something'," Harris said.

After informing the team of the break-in, Harris and the rest of the players ran back to the locker room to assess the



GRAPHIC BY CLAIRE KERSEY

damage. The team then took off running in search of the thieves.

"When we came back they were gone so that's when we went outside, and we couldn't find them for the first couple of minutes," Harris said.

Having split up, the men's basketball team was able to track down the two Early College students, who were hiding in the parking lot under a white Isuzu Rodeo. Then the team kept the juveniles from running off until Public

Safety could arrive.

Sergeant Nick Reonas was the officer to respond to the call. Upon arrival, Reonas searched the two troublemakers and discovered some cash in their pockets and few cell phones in the general vicinity but not the all the missing items.

Another pair had taken the rest of the stolen money and cell phones before the team found out about the break-in.

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## Diversity Dialogues encourage multicultural conversation

BY AUBREY PETKAS  
SENIOR REPORTER

GCSU is filled with individuals involved in greek organizations, athletic teams, clubs and other various groups that share a common cause or interest. Often, people met in these groups can blossom into unexpected, yet great friendships.

February is filled with events that celebrate diversity and Feb. 16-20 begins the dive into "open and honest conversations." Yves-Rose SaintDic, director of Institutional Equity and Diversity talked about the essence of the conversations.

"My philosophy is that once you really get to know some-

one on a personal level it doesn't really matter their religion, race or their background, you just see the person," SaintDic said.

Diversity Dialogues entail conversations that most people would rather avoid on a normal day-to-day basis. Fear is a helping hand that hinders people from talking and asking about touchy subjects— a big one being race.

These talks encourage an embracing of differences and

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# Make a note of it!

On Feb. 21, Milledgeville citizens of all ages will gather for the fifth annual Bobcat Ramble Fun Run and 5K Race. All proceeds of the race will be used for the funding of an academic scholarship for a qualifying Baldwin County student.

The Fun Run starts at 8:30 a.m. and the 5K Race starts 30 minutes later at 9:00 a.m. The races start at the GCSU Wellness Depot on West Greene Street. The race route includes the university campus and downtown historic Milledgeville.

There are awards and prizes that vary depending on the race. All Fun Run participants receive a GCSU bracelet. The first place male and female runners will receive trophies. The 5K run does not have anything for all participants. Instead, the top three male and female winners of each age group will receive medals. There are age groups ranging from 10 & under all the way to 60 & over. Winners of the three different categories will win a Corinthian Column trophy. The three categories are: Overall GCSU Runner (any current student, current employee or alumni), Overall Non-GCSU Runner (anyone not presently affiliated with GCSU) and the John Bruner Memorial Award (current GCSU NCAA athletes only). John Bruner was a GCSU student who collapsed and died during the Missionary Ridge Road Race back in August of 2007.

Entry fees for the race are \$20 for an individual and \$15 per person for groups of five or more. T-shirt sizes are guaranteed for all registrations received prior to Feb. 6. For more information check out [www.gcsu.edu/bobcatramble/](http://www.gcsu.edu/bobcatramble/).

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# Students wary of identity theft

BY ROCHELLE SMALLS  
SENIOR REPORTER

Identity Theft. Together, these two words strike fear in the hearts of people all across America, and we in the college community are not exempt from victimization.

“Although [identity theft] is a fairly new crime,” said Sergeant Michael Baker. “It’s also the fastest growing crime.”

The Identity Theft Resource Center encourages teens and college students to learn more about identity theft on their website. “Identity theft can affect everyone, including teenagers,” stated the IDST Web site.

While identity theft can be broken down into many sectors--such as business, criminal, financial and medical-- the most common form found on campus deals with the international sector often known as a Nigerian scam.

Baker has seen students become victims of this scam while selling their books online. The scam occurs when, as a form of payment, students receive a check that is written out for more than the amount requested.

The scam artist then requests that the seller cashes the check and sends the extra funds back to the purchaser. Because this is actually a fraudulent act, the check bounces and it becomes the responsibility of the seller.

Selling books is something that many college students are very familiar with, but knowing this type of fraud exists should make them more cautious.

Knowing that no one is immune to this crime and that it can happen to anyone is the first step to preparing yourself to properly protect your identity. However, many people find that identity theft is far too complex of a crime and they tend to brush it off.

According to the ITRC, identity theft

continues to flourish, especially online identity theft and check fraud.

The following may help protect your identity and gives suggestions for handling identity theft if it happens.

Let’s start with the basics. The best way to deal with identity theft is to do all you can to make sure that you do not become a victim in the first place.

“The smallest things can go a long way,” Baker said.

In order to be an active player in keeping your identity yours, shred important papers that have personal information on them, keep a close eye on your accounts and check your credit report at least once a year, which you can do for free.

The Federal Trade Commission recommends you contact one of the three consumer reporting companies: Equifax at 1-800-525-6285 or [www.equifax.com](http://www.equifax.com); Experian at 1-888-397-3742 or [www.experian.com](http://www.experian.com); or TransUnion at 1-800-680-7289 or [www.transunion.com](http://www.transunion.com).

If an identity has been compromised, the reporting company will notify the other companies.

If you believe you are a victim of identity theft, what next? This seems to be a tricky question for college students who spend some of their time at the parent’s home and the rest living near college.

Baker reveals that in a college student’s case this is looked upon as a jurisdiction issue.

“The crime should be reported wherever the victim is founded,” Baker said.

The term “founded” means nothing more than where one resides or spends the majority of his or her time.

As a GCSU student, you would want to contact the Public Safety Department.

Paul Grigsby, Wells Hall resident director and GCSU graduate, agrees that identity theft is definitely a crime that needs to be taken seriously.

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What to do if you are a victim of identity theft:



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Your three best friends		
All of these consumer-reporting companies will help if your identity has been stolen		
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	<a href="http://www.transunion.com">www.transunion.com</a>	1.800.680.7289

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## Faculty speaks on depression

BY ROBERT AYCOCK  
SENIOR REPORTER

On Feb. 12, Marlene Loveloy spoke at Emory University for the Depression Bipolar Support Alliance of Metro Atlanta about depression and bipolar disorder and how they are kept secret. This topic is of deep significance to Lovejoy, because she has been a long time sufferer of depression and bipolar disorder.

Lovejoy said that her depression began in high school, but at the time she did not recognize it as a serious issue. Not until much later, did Lovejoy realize how truly severe her condition was. Episodes of depression continued through her adult life, and by 1997, several stressful life experiences coupled with other medical



LISSA SPEER / SENIOR PHOTOGRAHER

Marlene Loveloy spoke at Emory University on her experience with depression.

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## Greek Week

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Sororities participate in “Tug,” one of the competitions included in Greek Week.



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Greek Week’s version of tug-of-war sparks competition among fraternities.

evening. Pi Kappa Alpha and Delta Zeta prevailed.

The rest of the week’s events also included trivia and other fun and games. They also had a Can Serve-a-thon, which is a community service event where members donate canned goods to build sculptures inspired by the Bobcat. The cans are then donated to a local food bank.

The scores are closer than ever before.

“It’s ridiculous,” said Avery Christian of Alpha Delta Pi. “I’ve never seen something so competitive.”

The events of this year’s Greek Week bring hope of change following a streak of dominance.


“At the same time, we’re all getting closer,” Christian said. While many of the sporting events have a clear winner, competitions like god and goddess and Greek sing are judged by a panel who tally the score at the end of the week.

The winner of Greek Week will be announced Saturday during Homecoming, along with the results of Mr. and Ms. GCSU.



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# Homecoming

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are doing,” McClanahan said. Along with the new theme, this year, GCSU is stepping Homecoming up a notch by providing new and improved activities for students to participate in. “We have added some fun new events (this year) such as the Step It Up Competition, and improved repeat events such as the concert by having two headliners instead of just one act,” McClanahan said.

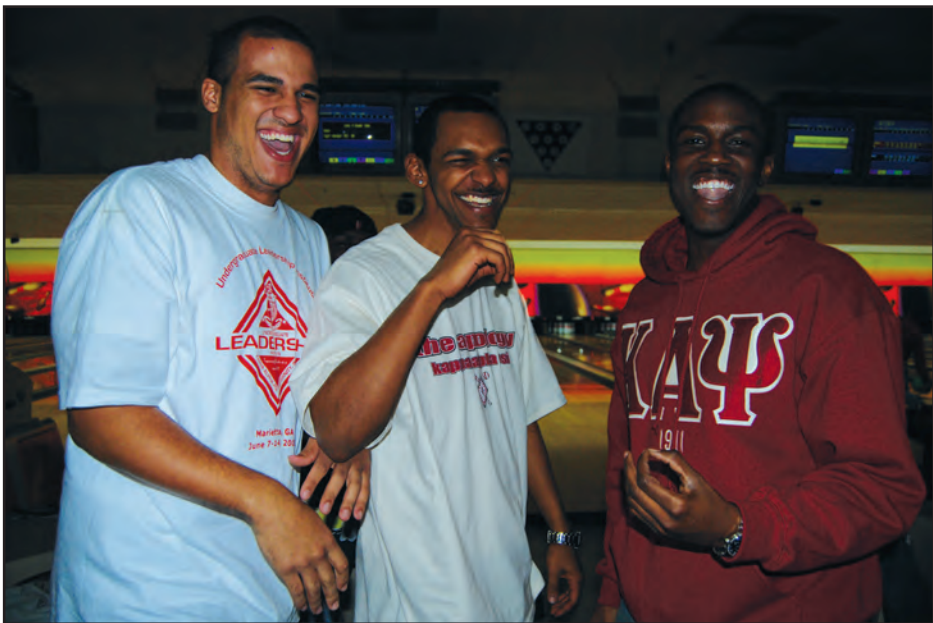
Some other new things that will be appearing this Homecoming are the Can Serve-a-thon, Bowl for Kids Sake and the drive-in movie showing of The Dark Knight.

SGA Treasurer Zach Mullins has been actively working to make this year’s Homecoming the best yet.

“We felt that it was important, especially during Homecoming, to not only remember and celebrate the old traditions of yesteryear, like the golden slipper, but also celebrate the new beginning like RSA’s Battle of the Bands, Homecoming Concert and the annual Hanging of the Greens,” Mullins said. “It’s easy to forget that we have a history, and Homecoming is the perfect time to celebrate that.”

In past years, Homecoming was not seen as a large priority, but this year the school budgeted around \$66,000 for the events.

“Months of planning and hard work from a committee comprised of faculty, staff and students with subcommittees put together GCSU’s Homecoming,” Mullins said. “We are continuing the tradition of a huge concert, parade and of course Mr. and Ms. GCSU, but we are also taking a second shot at the Bonfire and adding in



Taylor EHRAMJIAN / STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER  
Students participate in Bowling for Kids at the Baldwin Bowling Center

a Rock, Paper, Scissors Contest and step show.”

Students seem to be taking in all of the excitement with over 100 tickets being sold the first week. The largest selling day is typically the day of the concert. With Shop Boyz and Cartel, sales are expected to be higher than ever.

“It looks like a weeklong of fun and spirited events,” Mullins said. “But it’s up

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<b>FRIDAY:</b> 7:00 p.m. - Homecoming Concert featuring Cartel and Shop Boyz	<b>SATURDAY:</b> 8:30 a.m. - Bobcat Ramble, Wellness Depot 12:30 p.m. - Homecoming Parade 2:00 p.m. - Lady Bobcats Basketball, Centennial Center 2:00 p.m. - Baseball, Kurtz Field 4:00 p.m.-Men’s Basketball, Centennial Center	<b>SUNDAY:</b> 11:30 a.m. - Baseball doubleheader, Kurtz Field

GRAPHIC BY CLAIRE KERSEY

# Green ExStream keeps it clean

BY COREY DICKSTEIN  
SENIOR REPORTER

President Barack Obama has pushed for more attention towards green enterprise, focusing much of the \$787 billion stimulus bill on the issue, but some local residents have had their hands, quite literally, on the green issue for some time.

One group of Baldwin County middle school students has especially stood out, participating in Georgia Powers' “Renew our Rivers” Lake Sinclair clean up, and personally sifting through two tons of trash from the 2008 Sweetwater Festival to properly dispose of recyclables.

“It’s amazing what these kids are doing,” Chuck Claxton, the teacher who started the program said. “These kids are showing that the environment can matter, they really have taken this seriously and made it a real part of their lives.”

The group known as the Green ExStream is made up of Oak Hill Middle School seventh graders.

Students such as Victoria Lamar, Kayla McCray, Brett Chandler and Katelyn Jackson have all embraced these ideas with the mission statement: “Keeping it clean with the Green ExStream.”

The group entered the Scholastic Lexus Eco Challenge, a competition that encourages teenagers to “make a difference in the environ-

mental health of our planet, one community at a time.”

Not only did the students make a difference in Baldwin County, but they were one of eight teams in the nation to be chosen as winners, earning \$10,000 and the confidence to continue their quest and spread the word of protecting Milledgeville and Baldwin’s environment.

“It was really cool to be chosen,” Jackson said. “We’ve talked to the younger kids and told them why this is important, now we want to get the older kids’ attention, even the college students.”

The seventh graders pointed out many ways in which GCSU students specifically contribute to harming the environment.

“When we cleaned up at the Sweetwater Festival, we took so many beer cans out to recycle and so many plastic bottles,” Lamar said. “A lot of that is the college kids, and they are in the (downtown) area. A lot of them litter. I think if they just did their part and recycle and turn off lights, it would make a big difference.”

Some GCSU students have already joined in.

Senior education major, and Oak Hill student-teacher, Cara Matricardi has helped the students along the way.

“It’s really cool,” she said. “The kids are very excited about what they are doing, this stuff means a lot to them.”

Beth Joiner, another

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## Let the conversations begin!





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## Dining Options



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## Identity Theft

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“I check my bank statements, and I make sure that all the Web sites I visit are secure,” Grigsby said.

Also Grigsby suggests “only using credit cards when making online purchases, because credit is a lot easier to undo.”

While technology aids in the rapid growth of identity theft, Baker reminds students to “never be afraid to report (identity tampering).”

## Lovejoy

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conditions finally began to send her over the edge.

Lovejoy described her episodes of depression.

“I had signs of depression as early as high school,” said Lovejoy. “But it was not ‘til much later, around 1997, that the real problems began.”

By this time, a series of stressful events and a biological predisposition had taken their toll. Lovejoy began to experience episodes of depression, which she described as, “a period of darkness - like I was in a deep pit, and unable to get out.”

She explained that she experienced phases of mania (an effect of the bipolar disorder). During these phases, her mind raced to the point that she could not sleep.

Finally, Lovejoy explained a third state that was perhaps more terrible than either depression or mania. She described what she called a, “Gray state,” where she felt unemotional and almost inhuman.

Lovejoy realized that she needed serious help. After a series of mostly unsuccessful treatments, she checked herself into a mental hospital. Lovejoy said she hated making this step not only because she was terribly afraid of the hospital, but afraid of admitting to herself and the world that she had

a serious illness. In the hospital, Lovejoy received the help and support she needed. After a few days, she was released from the hospital. With the help of a talented doctor and psychiatrist, antidepressants, the love and support of her family and a deep faith in God, Lovejoy has been able to live an enjoyable and normal life. She understands, however, that she has a lifelong condition and must continue her treatments, as well as constantly monitor her condition.

After her life-altering experiences, Lovejoy has devoted herself to reaching out and helping others with depression and bipolar disorder.

For many years, she attempted to record her story and write a book. She was unable to do so because it forced her to revisit those dark memories and terrifying places inside her mind. Not until 2007, 10 years after her release from the hospital, did Lovejoy finish her autobiography.

The book, entitled “The Edge of Sanity,” describes in detail Lovejoy’s most personal experiences of her battle with her illnesses. The book also contains information on depression, bipolar disorder and other related topics. As testament to the book’s value, it has become required reading for GCSU’s nursing program, and it gave her the opportunity to speak at Emory.

Lovejoy spoke about how disorders like hers are kept secret.

## Break-in

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“There were actually two more that had already left and that’s where a lot of the items that were taken were, with the other two, they weren’t with the two I found,” Reonas said.

Following an investigation, all the stolen property was returned, except for one cell phone, which the parents of the children compensated the player it belonged to.

“We ended up having a total of five cell phones missing and also a sum of cash around \$250 somewhere in there,” Reonas said. “Everything was retrieved or paid back or the person was reimbursed for it.”

Currently, the four students have not been charged with any crimes because all the belongings and cash has been returned or the rightful owners compensated.

Harris feels that the four should not be let go without any sort of punishment due to their actions.

“Something should be done,” Harris said. “They shouldn’t just get off the hook for stealing and then they lied the whole time to try and get out of it.”

Men’s basketball Coach Terry Sellers has the same kind of attitude regarding the juveniles being let go.

“They need to learn that there are consequences for those actions and if you do those kind of things you

will be punished,” Sellers said. “With these young kids it might save them later on.”

Because they were part of the Early College Program here on campus, the two caught in the locker room have been banned from all GCSU property except for Kilpatrick Education Center to attend school.

Sellers is using this break-in as a learning experience in terms of locker room security.

“It was a wake up call to be a lot more careful about that locker room door, making sure that it’s locked,” Sellers said.

Sellers is going to try and install an automatic locking door with a keypad on the locker room to increase security of players’ valuables.

“Until that time, I was going to go to Wal-Mart and buy an inexpensive safe and put cell phones, wallets, whatever [in the safe] until we really get better security,” Sellers said.

The team remains in shock that their locker room and belongings would be the target of a crime.

“I never would have thought that anybody would just go in the locker room because that’s our home when we’re here. We treat it like a home,” Harris said.

Freshman Mike Ross was just as surprised as Harris at the break-in.

“I really didn’t see it coming, I mean just a normal day at practice and then— practice over, we got robbed,” Ross said.

## Depression Hurts, Don’t Let It

*Warning Signs & Symptoms of Depression*

- ❖ Feelings of helplessness and hopelessness
- ❖ Loss of interest in ordinary daily activities
- ❖ Unusual appetite and weight loss
- ❖ Abnormal sleeping pattern changes
- ❖ Decrease in normal amount of energy
- ❖ Trouble focusing and remembering

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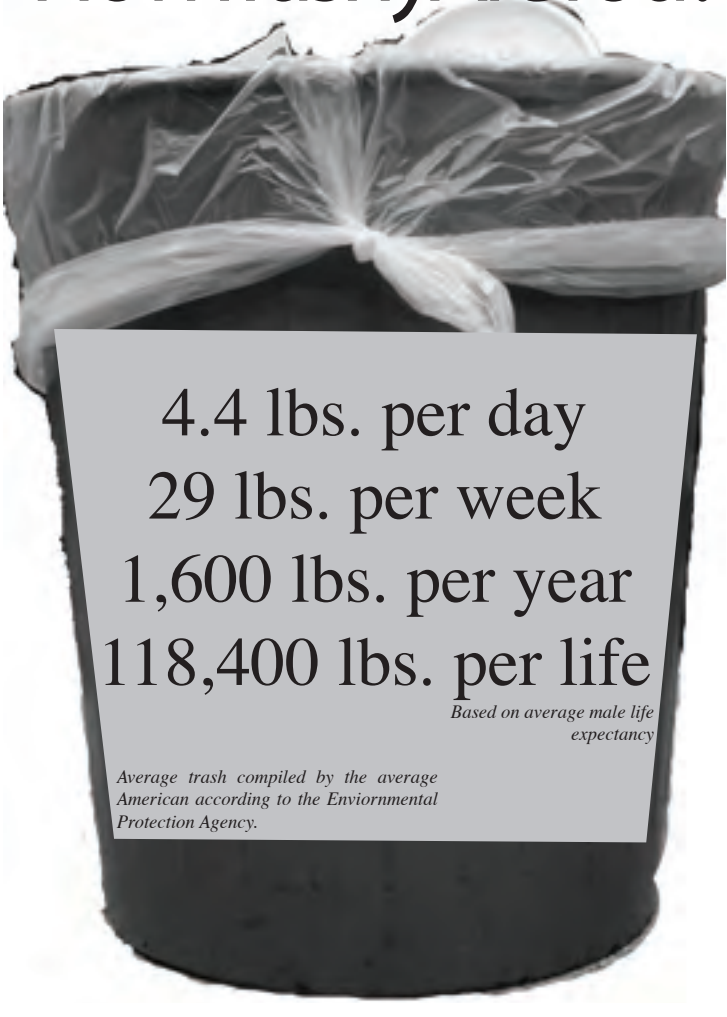


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seventh grade Oak Hill teacher, has actually been influenced by her students. “Mr. Claxton started this whole thing,” Joiner said. “I wanted to jump in and help. “Actually, I was probably the worst (about the environment) before the program, I may be the most improved of the teachers, but it's easier to go up when you have the furthest to go.” Joiner has now started recycling and making the effort to be more environmentally friendly in her daily life. “These kids have been the example,” she said. “You know, they will hold on to a bottle after they've finished it and find a recycling bin instead of just tossing it.” The students will continue to compete in the upcoming Eco Challenge events. “(The students) are changing the world,” Claxton said. “When they do big things, like winning in the Lexus Eco Challenge, they get credibility. They really have the power to use this for good.”

HowTrashyAreYou?



GRAPHIC BY MATT CHAMBERS

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Amici

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opportunity of a lifetime. “We’re excited about being here everyday and excited about having the ability to work with and listen to students and the community,” Ewing said. “We have the power to change things and tweak them until our customers are happy.” Ewing graduated from GCSU in 2005, majoring in biology. Ewing and Joiner became apart of the Amici family in 2001, and after a few years had gotten their hands on literally everything. “We moved our way up,” said Jon Joiner who studied music at GCSU, “from line cook to bartender, to manager, to assistant General Manager and now owner.” Joiner also helped in opening up the Amici in Athens, Ga. The two young men now perched atop the Amici totem poll, and have already filled some of the community’s needs by offering their own version of an economic stimulus package—an “Xpress Lunch” for students in between classes or workers on the run, and a “Penny Pincher Menu” featuring meals under \$5.

With the help of Jon Joiner’s brother, Philip Joiner, now the marketing and advertising director for Amici—who also coined the slogan “There’s always something going on at Amici.” The new crew is also getting involved with the community, including local charities such as the Make a Wish Foundation. Amici is proud to be a renowned local music hotspot. Local bands and artists visit Amici weekly to perform and entertain. Now Amici has a new offer to bring to the table—something that sets it apart from other downtown entertainment. “There is now officially no cover charge,” said Ewing. You heard right, no cover charge. “We wanted to adapt to college students. Sometimes it can be tough to pay a cash cover charge and buy drinks as well. So now, we pay the bands instead of our customers, so everyone is happy,” Ewing said. And thanks to Jon and Bob, Amici now boasts three brand new 42-inch flat screen televisions. The nation’s current economic strain coupled with some stock-market-logic has put Amici as a leader in the evolution of Milledgeville. “I encourage people to take advantage of the current economic situation,” said Wood. “When prices are low— buy!”

Diversity

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learning how to see a person for the content of their personality instead of the exterior stereotypes and physical differences. The process to participate is simple. Anyone can go to the office of Diversity, pick up a So-dexho meal ticket, be assigned a partner to eat with during lunch hours and learn some unique stories and outlooks from someone outside their normal comfort zone. Brittany Lewis, a mass communication major who works in the office of Equity and Diversity, participated last year and spoke about the value of the conversations. “I am afraid for other people when the subject of whether I am black or African American arises. I can see the fear or anxiety build in their face when that part of the conversation comes up,” Lewis said. “If they do say something offensive I wouldn’t get mad, but just correct them. You don’t learn and you won’t know unless you put yourself out there and learn and that is a great part of these talks.” SaintDic and the Diversity office have thought of ways to ease the students’ and faculty’s minds in getting conversations started. “We have guidelines, or rather advice,

about how to get started with the conversation,” SaintDic said. “We send out a number of e-mails with questions to get started, but this year it’s a series of statements and people can use those as a part of their conversation. And it’s not about so much as resolving conflicts, but more as building bridges and making connections.” Lewis remembers a conversation about slavery. “I remember being surprised because you don’t really know where people come from until you sit and listen to their story,” Lewis said. “I’m very interested in slavery, and it’s relative to me how we always talk about it in America as the past. I was talking with someone who was from Africa and it was mentioned how their family was in slavery over there, and it still occurs to this day just across the world.” SaintDic expresses the influence of learning from open conversations. “Guided between three of my careers since doing conversation, I found people I would not normally converse with, and Diversity Dialogues is one of the most powerful things I’ve ever done,” SaintDic said. SaintDic hopes to gain an even larger crowd this February and add more names to the online Diversity Cornerstones and Pathways site, located online at <http://www.gcsu.edu/equity/cornerstonespathways.htm>.

“My philosophy is that once you really get to know someone on a personal level it doesn’t really matter their religion, race or their background, you just see the person,”  
— Yves-Rose SaintDic

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Yes, the social networking Web site certainly has many advantages, as it allows us to keep in touch with friends who have become geographically distant and even to reconnect with long lost chums.

Where, then does trouble lie?

Well, truth be told it lies with yourself. Because Facebook is a public Web site, anything you post on your profile can be viewed by anyone with access to your profile. If you leave it public any of 150 million users worldwide, as of Jan. 7, can view it.

So are you safe if you make your profile private?

You may like to think so, however consider this: How many of those friends do you really know? If you only make your profile private chances are 100, 200, possibly more people that you may have met once have access to your information. Yes, that includes that picture of you that you thought only your good friends could see.

The safe bet, as always, is to use caution when posting things on social networking sites. And we all know that our teachers, and now parents are joining.

Facebook, of course, is far from the only Web site on the Internet where students, especially those who will soon be entering the job market should exercise caution.

While the internet is quite possibly the greatest research tool at any of our disposals, it can also be used as a tool to research you.

Surprised? Don't be. Chances are prospective employers have already Googled you.

It is hard in this day and age to hide much about yourself, so your best bet is not to add to anything yourself.

Next time you're bored, give it a try. Google search for your name and just see what kind of information pops up for the entire world to see.

So, next time you go to tag that picture from that party Thursday night or add that expletive-laced rap lyric consider who may be able to see it.

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## Academy Award predictions



BY EVAN ALLGOOD  
COLUMNIST

2008 was a weak year for movies. At least, that's what I keep hearing.

The problem is, last Thursday I watched "Man on Wire," which might be the best documentary I've ever seen. On Saturday I finally saw "The Wrestler," and it spoke to me on two levels—as a recovering wrestling fan and an aspiring film buff. In the months prior, I saw "The Dark Knight" not once, not twice, but three times. (I wasn't the only one.) "WALL-E" is incredibly romantic, not just for an animated film starring a bunch of robots, but by any standard.

I could go on.

The point is, 2008 totally underwhelmed the critics, especially when juxtaposed against 2007, which (they tell us) was a very strong year for film. But I'm pretty sure I'd take my top five of 2008—in alphabetical order: "In Bruges," "Man on Wire," "Slumdog Millionaire," "WALL-E," "The Wrestler"—over my top five of 2007, which would go something like this: "Michael Clayton," "Once," "Superbad," "There Will Be Blood," "Zodiac". (Sorry, no love for "No Country".) In short, I think 2008 is getting a raw deal, in large part because of the stupid Academy and its stupid Awards (particularly the stupid Best Picture nominees).

That being said, I'm still going to try and get inside

the heads of these snooty fools and predict in the winners in each of the major categories. I'm no Stephen Colbert (who went five-for-five last year), so we'd better start with a few gimmies:

**Best Animated Film:** "WALL-E" I liked "Kung-Fu Panda," but it's not quite on WALL-E's level. He's the lovechild of Charlie Chaplin and Johnny 5, so if you're not rooting for him, you probably don't have a soul.

**Best Documentary:** "Man on Wire" Go see this movie. If it doesn't make you want to do something grand and poetic and slightly illegal, well, again, you are probably lacking in the soul department.

**Best Supporting Actor:** Heath Ledger ("The Dark Knight"). The odds in Vegas are 50:1 in Ledger's favor right now, and with good reason. His performance rivals Daniel Day-Lewis's (Oscar-winning) turn in "There Will Be Blood"—both are electric, unforgettable portrayals of twisted villains whom you barely recognize, but can't pull your eyes away from. In another universe where he had never overdosed, Ledger would not deserve this award any less. A loss here would be nothing short of criminal.

**Best Supporting Actress:** Penelope Cruz ("Vicky Cristina Barcelona"). Amy Adams was very good in "Doubt," but Oscar-worthy? Doubtful. Viola Davis (also in "Doubt") gave an Oscar-worthy performance, but didn't get enough screen time (she only had one real scene). I was shocked by Taraji P. Henson's nomination, not because of her performance (which was fine), but because of the stereotypical character she was trapped inside throughout the wildly overrated "Benjamin Button". Marisa Tomei looks great naked (at 44!), but she already got her Os-

car. That leaves Cruz, who is supposedly spectacular in a movie I haven't actually seen.

**Best Actress:** Kate Winslet ("The Reader"). I haven't seen "The Reader" either, but Winslet is a wonderful actress and 0-5 at the Academy Awards. If for no other reason, this needs to happen to authenticate her satirical, sour-grapes spiel on HBO's "Extras," in which she pointed out (way back in 2005) that making a Holocaust film is a surefire way to nab an Oscar. (And here I thought Ricky Gervais couldn't get any more brilliant.)

**Best Actor:** Mickey Rourke ("The Wrestler"). My heart is saying Rourke here, but my gut is saying Sean Penn (for "Milk"). I haven't seen "Milk," "Frost/Nixon," or "The Visitor," but I know two things: Mickey Rourke is deserving of this award, and Brad Pitt is not. (And I'm a Brad Pitt fan.) Pitt's performance manages to be both completely forgettable and unforgettably bland. I don't know if there was a character in that movie for him to portray (doubtful), but if there was, he didn't get the memo, and he just ended up playing himself. It's a testament to the universal likeability of Brad Pitt that he's been inexcusably nominated for this award.

**Best Original Screenplay:** Dustin Lance Black ("Milk"). I'd love for Martin McDonagh to steal this for "In Bruges," but lightning isn't liable to strike twice, and Colin Farrell already snagged a well-deserved Golden Globe for Best Actor in a Musical or Comedy. (And I'm not a Colin Farrell fan.) If you haven't seen this movie, do so immediately. It's sharp, funny and violent; and truthfully, any of the three leading men (Brendan Gleeson and Ralph Fiennes fill out the cast) could have justifiably won that Golden

Globe (Gleeson was also nominated).

**Best Adapted Screenplay:** Simon Beaufoy ("Slumdog Millionaire")

**Best Director:** Danny Boyle ("Slumdog Millionaire")

**Best Picture:** "Slumdog Millionaire". Listen up, haters: Just because you sat on your hands for three months while all your friends gushed about this picture, inevitably hyping it up to an unattainable level of greatness in your mind—a cinematic apex, really—does not mean it's not excellent. It is. If "Slumdog" didn't live up to your expectations, that's because your expectations were mad, mad, mad stupid high. And that's your own fault.

To those who say the movie isn't realistic: Well, yeah. It's a modern-day fairy tale. At what point did anyone associated with the film—or more importantly, the film itself—give you the impression that it was supposed to be realistic? At no point, that's when. Everything on-screen is loud and shiny and beautifully implausible. Just enjoy it.

To those who don't like the film's basic conceit: What's wrong with you? You really don't like the idea of an impoverished, affable young man going on "Who Wants To Be a Millionaire?" and improbably—nay, impossibly—answering the first ten or so questions correctly, then flashing back to show us exactly how he knew the answers? Do you have something against underdogs, flashbacks, or M.I.A. songs? Who doesn't like underdogs, flashbacks, and M.I.A. songs? What more could you want from a movie? If you said "a love story," you're in luck: "Slumdog" has one of those, too.

If you can't appreciate all that, well, you probably don't have a soul.

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## Obama off to shaky start of term



BY ANDREW ADAMS  
COLUMNIST

President Obama has now been this nation's Commander-in-Chief for one full month. A lot can be told about a President from his actions when he first takes office. If this month is any indication of Obama's next three years and eleven months, it is going to be a rocky presidency.

The first mistake of the new president was the closing of Guantanamo Bay. This was very popular rhetoric during the presidential campaign, but when put into practice is looking like a blunder of epic proportions. With the closing of Guantanamo Bay, the US has started moving the arrested terrorists back into their home countries. In Saudi Arabia, the government is leading a "Jihadi Rehab" as coined by CNN International. Of the Gitmo terrorists moved back into Saudi Arabia, nine have already been re-arrested for re-joining Al Qaeda.

It is disgusting to think of the hard work that our men and women on the front lines have put into catching these terrorists, and with one swift executive order, Obama frees those who are conspiring to kill you, me

and every other American. Imagine if one of those terrorists is successful in carrying out an attack against the United States, the blame would be placed solely on the president for a complete lapse in judgment in freeing those terrorists. It surprises me that Obama is willing to risk his Presidency, and the safety of every American, on the hopes of good behavior of those that are believed to be conspiring against us.

The second mistake was another one of Obama's first Executive Orders. This one revolves around ending the ban on the federal government providing funding to overseas family planning organizations that provide abortions. This issue really isn't about whether abortion should be legal or not in the US.

For both pro-choice and pro-life people, this is bad policy. Some people find abortion to be morally objectionable. It is not right for the government to take the tax dollars of all Americans to pay for abortions for citizens in other countries. In essence, it is downright wrong for the government to be using anyone's tax dollars to subsidize anything that roughly half of all Americans find either morally or religiously reprehensible.

Even pro-choice Americans should be fighting for more family planning funding for American groups, instead of international groups. When the government funds an international group, they are creating an international job. When the government funds an American group, they are creating an American job. It is important to

consider the needs of other nations, but the American President should always put America first.

President Obama has made other mistakes, particularly in choosing his cabinet. He seems to have a knack for people who conveniently forget to pay their taxes. The current list includes Timothy Geithner, Nancy Killefer and Tom Daschle. What's particularly awful is that Obama stuck by Geithner as his pick for Treasury Secretary (an odd post for a tax evader). This forced the Congressional Democrats into the humiliating position of either breaking rank with a popular President from their own party, or confirming a known felon. Not wanting to disappoint President Obama, Senate Democrats voted to confirm a felon by a vote of 50-3.

The last serious mistake that the president has made is in regards to the new economic stimulus package. This package costs all of us \$787 billion. But, if that's the cost to get the economy going, then it's worth it, right? Well, the Wall Street Journal, America's number one business newspaper, estimates that only 12 cents of every dollar in the stimulus package will go to something that might actually help grow the economy. It would make the most sense, to me at least, to take that 12 percent, or roughly \$100 billion dollars, and use that as the entire stimulus bill.

Unfortunately, Obama felt it necessary to add nearly \$700 billion of unneeded pork spending to improve the popularity of the Democratic politicians in their dis-

trict. I don't agree with John McCain that much, but he was exactly right when he called this stimulus package "generational theft." Obama promised throughout his campaign that he would unite America and would be bipartisan and would look for Republican help. In regards to this stimulus package, it appears as if that was just rhetoric to win votes. Out of 218 Republican representatives and senators, just three voted for the stimulus package. Even the liberal Republicans detested it. On the other hand, nearly four times as many Democrats voted against the Obama stimulus package than Republicans voted for it.

Obama was asked during a recent press conference, why he didn't listen to Republicans about their concerns of this bill overspending. The response he gave was, "I'm not sure they have a lot of credibility when it comes to fiscal responsibility." He might have a valid point, considering how Republicans spent like there was no tomorrow over the past eight years. But if it makes you wonder if these Republicans that are such huge spenders are so disgusted by the spending in this stimulus package, then maybe there really is way too much spending.

It was a rough first month for President Obama, but he brought it all on himself by taking the hard, liberal line on issues where there were much better alternatives. But he still has three years and eleven months to get it together, and I wish him the best.

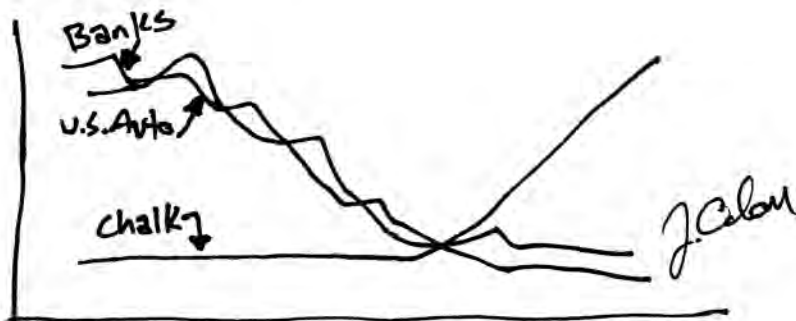


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BY JAMES ODOM

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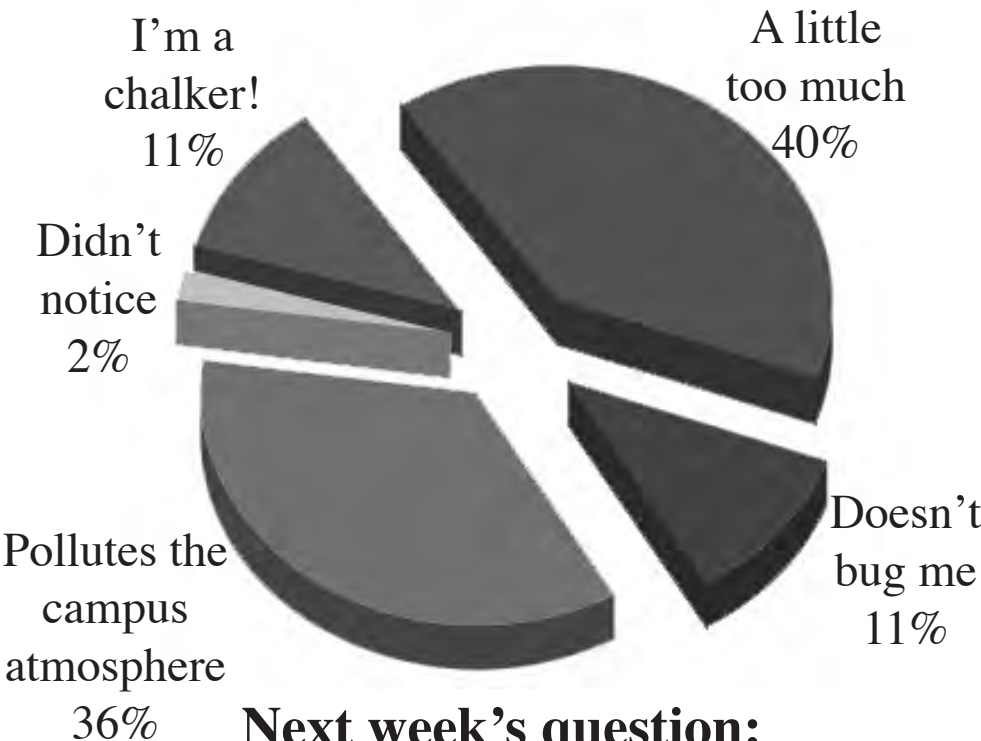
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- In last week's Colonnade, the column entitled, "What Obama's done right" was written by Evan Allgood.
- In last week's article, "Employee shoots man in self-defense" the man that was killed's name is Broderick Horne.
- Last week the Bobcat Beat mislabeled Lucy Caltaviano, Amber Wallace and Catherin cotter.
- In last week's article, "GCSU revamps emergency plan" Emergency Preparedness and Occupational Safety should be the name of the office, while the guide should be called the Emergency Action Plan.
- In the Feb. 6 edition of The Colonnade, the article entitled, "Oh the Firony: blazing station" was written by Bobby Gentry and Claire Dykes.

POLL OF THE WEEK

GRAPHIC BY COREY DICKSTEIN

What do you think about the Mr. / Mrs. GCSU chalkings around campus?



Next week's question: What movie should win Best Picture?

- Benjamin Button
- Slumdog Millionaire
- The Reader
- Milk
- Frost / Nixon

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Bobcat Beat

If you could vote for someone not on the ballot for Mr. or Miss GCSU, or SGA, who would it be?



"Hillary Harris."

Bailey Miller, freshman, marketing

"Shaun Keaton."

Estiliany Sanches, senior, sports medicine



"Andrew Whittaker and Natalie Sorto."

Keilah Johnson, freshman, pre mass communication

"Micky Mack."

Natalie Sorto, freshman, undeclared



"Tim Grahm."

Pam Cunneen, junior, English

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The Litter Box

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That Chelsea Wilson with the softball is HOT!!! I think I'm in love.....

How can GCSU afford to pay \$66,000 for things that half our students don't even care about (like homecoming) yet departmental budget cuts are destroying our education. College is about learning, not about social events, and the majority of us who aren't into the Greek scene aren't interested in paying for events that cater primarily to those groups; GCSU needs to get its priorities straight.

What's with the washing away of some of the chalking tonight? Are the poor excuses of candidates actually scared they might get beat? The ones left undisturbed won't be getting my vote...

Who gave permission to the people running for SGA to spam my inbox? Between the chalk and personal emails, I am absolutely NOT voting this year.

I didn't realize that being a Greek Week-er gave you permission to park illegally and block the road at Bobcat... Maybe I should start paying for my friends!

I think for every stick of chalk that people use on the pavement, they should have to eat one of the same size.

Excuse me, ma'am, this is your second warning... Your SEX is still on fire! Now please put it out... And you should probably go see a doctor.

Tornado... oooohhhhh.....

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# Vaginas take Magnolia's stage

*The 'Monologues' embrace womanhood and detail experiences*

The Vagina Monologues, sponsored by the Women's Resource Center was performed for the fourth year in a row at Magnolia Ballroom Feb. 12-14. The play, written by Eve Ensler is performed on "V-Day" in support of the effort to stop violence against women and girls. The production features a series of monologues that explore the aspects, experiences, and various names of the vagina.



Senior psychology and community health major Lindsay Bailey and junior creative writing major Andrea Judy performed "My Vagina Was My Village."



Sophomore exercise science major Wendi Armstrong portrayed the monologue titled "Vagina Happy Fact."



Emmalyn Braswell, a sophomore majoring in creative writing read "The Vagina Workshop."



Senior psychology major, Beth Lanier performed "Reclaiming Cunt."

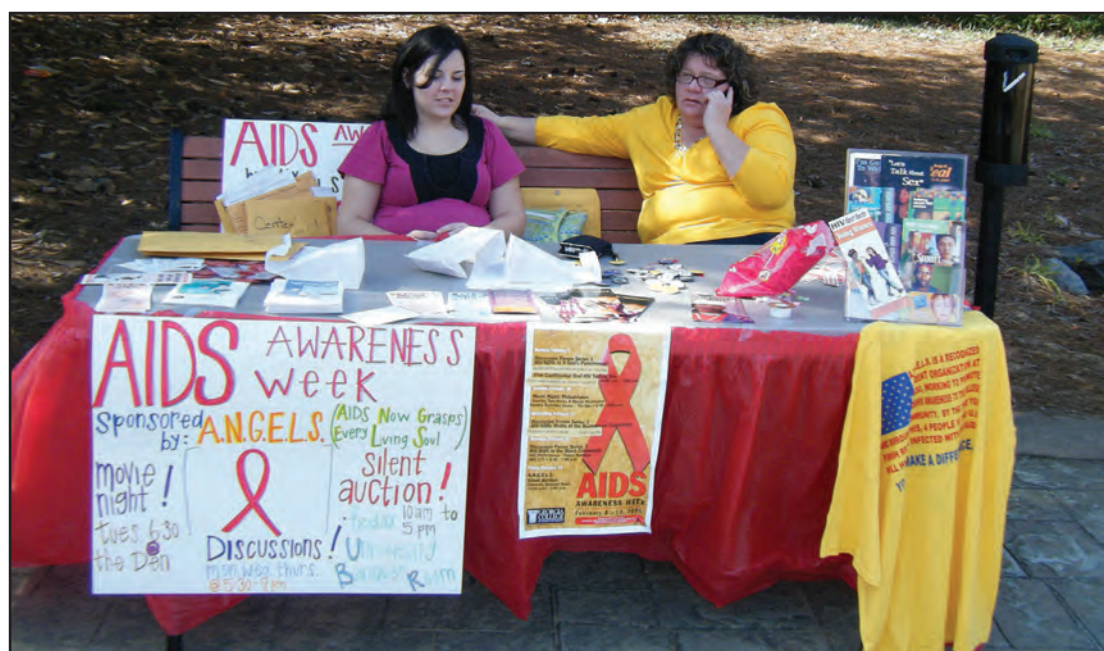


The monologue "A Six-Year-Old Girl Was Asked" was performed by senior community health major Britton Tuck and junior mass communication major Sam Lane.



Other monologues in the production included "My Angry Vagina", "I Was There In the Room", "The Little Coochie Snorcher That Could" and "I Was Twelve, My Mother Slapped Me".

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CAITLIN MCCOURT / STAFF WRITER

Volunteers for A.N.G.E.L.S. help to raise awareness of the AIDS pandemic.

# A.N.G.E.L.S. enlightens campus on AIDS facts

BY CAITLIN MCCOURT  
STAFF WRITER

From Feb. 9 through Feb. 14, the GCSU A.N.G.E.L.S. group hosted AIDS Week on campus. A.N.G.E.L.S., a student group whose acronym stands for AIDS Now Grasps Every Living Soul, hosted a variety of events. In addition to the events, the A.N.G.E.L.S. were responsible for putting up red ribbons on campus and for hanging flags on trees depicting the number of people affected by AIDS from each country. The flags were put up to help students realize how vast the AIDS pandemic is.

"I never realized how much it's affecting the world until I was on front campus hanging up flags," Caitlin Steinhauer, a freshman psychology major said.

Dr. Robin O. Harris, a sociology professor, is the reason that A.N.G.E.L.S. exists here at GCSU today. She began this organization after her son, Brian O'Neil died

of AIDS. Originally, this organization's purpose was to feed and help those families and individuals directly affected by AIDS. It has grown and she hopes it will help to educate the entire GCSU body.

"I wish two things," Dr. Harris said. "One, that I really want everyone to take responsibility for their actions, and two, to get students involved and understand this is a global issue."

The A.N.G.E.L.S. kicked off AIDS week with free confidential HIV testing on front campus and their first discussion forum "AIDS: Is it God's Punishment?" in the museum education room. Students discussed and debated the Christian role in the AIDS pandemic. Students and teachers alike came together to openly discuss how they believed Christians should help stop the spread of AIDS.

These discussions were hosted by one of the GCSU's A.N.G.E.L.S. presidents:

Tameka Dean, a senior pre-med biology major.

"I wanted people to feel that it affects us all," Dean said.

Dean collaborated with other students and friends to find the most interesting or concerning topics to the GCSU's student body.

On Tuesday, Feb. 10, the movie Philadelphia was shown in the den at the SAC. The students took the opportunity to gather in a light atmosphere where they could not only enjoy a movie starring Tom Hanks and Denzel Washington, but also learn more about the AIDS disease and how it affects society.

Wednesday marked the start of the second discussion. This discussion was centered on AIDS common stigma, labeling it a "gay man's" disease.

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# Local band Orange Vanessa wins MTV-U's popular vote

BY ABBY BRYANT  
STAFF WRITER

MTV-U's "Best Music on Campus" Web site is currently featuring GCSU's very own Orange Vanessa as the most popular band. The band has been on the Web site for almost a month now and in that short time has achieved the honor of calling themselves the most popular band on the site ever since the third day of having an account.

Everything seems to be falling in to place at a rapid pace, considering that Orange Vanessa has been around for less than a year.

"Orange Vanessa went from being a side project

to (being) the band ... there was a point when I think we all just realized, 'woah, we're really good,' " Bob Titolo, guitarist, said.

Titolo says that soon after realizing this, the band began to put more effort into their work. In addition to Titolo, the band has two other members: Alex Barnes (drums; didgeridoo) and Rachel Kahn (vocals; possible rhythm guitar). Titolo says that occasionally he performs vocals as well.

Last fall, Orange Vanessa was asked to perform at the grand opening of Sandella's on West Campus, which served as their first public appearance. Since their first performance, the young band has performed

three more times, twice in Milledgeville, and their most recent performance was at Vinyl in Atlanta.

Orange Vanessa is classified as a combination of a jazz, rock and alternative band; they describe themselves as "what happens when you put a classic rock guitarist, metal drummer and jazz vocalist together." They claim to have "created something ... new and unique."

Fan and sophomore Early Childhood Education major Kelly Waldron backs this up by claiming to love Orange Vanessa for their "individual sound and variety in songs."

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Orange Vanessa has been featured at MTV-U's "Most Popular Band" for almost a month.



# Spotlight

BY CHELSEA THOMAS

## Q & A with Dr. Steven Elliot-Gower

Getting to know your professors and other GCSU staff can be a rewarding and beneficial choice for students. Dr. Steven Elliot-Gower is the Honors & Scholars Program director and works to encourage thoughtful discussion and academic pursuits, in and out of the classroom.



**Background:** Dr. Steven Elliot-Gower grew up in Rochester, England. He lived and worked in London before going to college. He came to America in 1983 to pursue graduate school. He explained that Margaret Thatcher, former Prime Minister of the United Kingdom, cut funding for education in England in the 1980s, and there were “limited opportunities to do graduate work there.” After working and staying in America at the University of Georgia for 25 years, he took the GCSU position for the director of the Honors & Scholars Program and associate professor of political science in 2008. Elliot-Gower serves as faculty adviser to the Honors Residential Learning Community, the Georgia College chapter of Amnesty International and Eta Sigma Alpha.

**Q: What inspired you as a younger student to pursue your current career path?**

A: Like a lot of people, I was inspired by really great teachers who knew their material inside out and had a passion for sharing it with others. I have always liked to be around university campuses. I like teaching, as well as the cultural and sports events. I can’t quite imagine working anywhere else.

**Q: What do you enjoy more -- teaching, counseling or talking with students?**

A: I am not sure I really enjoy counseling. But I do enjoy discussions. I try to bring a lot of discussion into my classroom. I tend not to lecture, but rather I like to provide students with a base of knowledge and go from there. I think students learn a lot through the Socratic Method by coming to their own conclusions.

**Q: So, what led you to GCSU specifically?**

A: Before I came to Georgia College I had been at the University of Georgia for 25 years. I originally came there as a graduate student in 1983, and I joked that I was a “refugee of Thatcher-ism.” UGA was where I did my early teaching. I did a lot of things there, worked with the Research Center and Strategic Planning. The last eight years I was the assistant honors director. I guess one day, I realized I was getting into some kind of rut, and I looked around at UGA for something interesting and challenging that I could do. I realized there wasn’t anything. So I started looking outside the institution, and one of the new positions I discovered was the honors director at GCSU. So I applied, and I was lucky enough to get in.

**Q: What are your personal interests outside of GCSU?**

A: I love to read, which is a little predictable I suppose. In fact, one of the great things about being at a liberal arts college is that there is almost an expectation that you read widely, and that you read outside your discipline. I read fiction but also magazines like The New Yorker. I also spend a lot of time with my kids. They are 14, 12 and 10. They always have a lot going on with baseball and trapeze.

I also have a long time interest in theatre, whether with directing or behind-the-scenes work. I am getting a little involved with the Georgia College theatre program. I think they are a really strong program here.

**Q: So you like to read. Have you ever written any of your own books?**

A: I have not written my own book, but I have written chapters in books. I used to do a lot of research into weapons proliferation and the strategic implications of technology, so I wrote some chapters on that. I was recently published in the Atlanta Journal-Constitution for

a piece. Right now I am working on pieces on international education, Guantanamo Bay and women in higher education.

**Q: What are some future aspirations you have?**

A: My most immediate aspiration is to build a first-class honors program here at Georgia College that attracts the very best students statewide and nationwide.

**Q: Any personal or random aspirations you have -- like climbing the pyramids in Egypt, riding a gondola in Venice or riding a motorcycle down the Great Wall of China?**

A: You know -- I don’t know if I have any single aspiration like that, but I do aspire to make the most out of everyday. To live as full a life as possible, this doesn’t necessarily mean climbing Mount Everest, but rather, taking advantage of those things around you- like a beautiful day.

**Q: What is something a lot of people don’t know about you?**

A: That I am 50-years-old. There are a lot of sweater vests in my closet, but people warned me to stay away from them, so that is where they have stayed.

**“I aspire to make the most out of everyday. To live as full a life as possible, this doesn’t necessarily mean climbing Mount Everest, but rather, taking advantage of those things around you- like a beautiful day.”**

-Dr. Steven Elliot-Gower

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## Pianist performs personal renditions

### Visiting pianist shares his talent

BY SARAH GIR RATANA  
STAFF REPORTER

Concert pianist Dr. Kevin Orr delighted audiences at Max Noah recital hall with his skillful renditions of Johannes Brahms’ first and second sonatas on Feb. 9.

“I took an interest in the early works of Johannes Brahms,” Orr said. “Since Brahms’ piano sonatas are less familiar, they exhibit an individuality that Brahms showed, even at age 19.”

In the music world, Orr is widely known as a gifted pianist with a wide repertoire that includes the work of many composers. He continues to share his talent with students at the University of Florida, where Orr serves as Associate Professor of Piano.

During his performance at GCSU, he gave short commentary on each piece and theme before and after his performance.

Invited by the music department, Orr served as another renowned guest artist to tour at GCSU this season. Though students and community members attended the performance for a variety of reasons, all were pleased with Orr’s skill and precision.

“I’m here for my Gothic Imagination class,” Shelley Fallon said. “(However) I used to play piano and really enjoy listening to it.”

Orr captivated audience members with his dynamic recital. He added personal

touches to Brahms’ sonatas, creating a unique and spellbinding performance.

“I enjoyed it,” Tyler Allen said. “But I think classical music is something people think of as a dying art.”

Interest in the concert extended past the campus, as

*“The vibe from the audience was just great and that’s why I continue to pursue it.”*

*Kevin Orr  
Concert Pianist*

Milledgeville community members also attended.

Milledgeville resident Shirley O’Quinn attends many concerts and feels very enthusiastic about the current series of recitals at Max Noah.

“I have been in Milledgeville for two years and just love the great plays, concerts and recitals,” said O’Quinn. “I am concerned that more people do not participate and wish that better publicity could have drawn more interest.”

Crowds were not overwhelming in size, but audience members enjoyed Orr’s dexterous skill and stunning performance. Many students favored Brahms’ second sonata, which was more dream-like

and spontaneous than many of his other works.

“I liked (the recital),” Jessica Long said. “Good contrast with dynamics, he played the density of Brahms very well.”

Though the dense structure of Brahms’ music creates problems for some pianists, Orr played masterfully, and explained to the audience that the difficulties of the pieces were mastered with much patience and practice.

“I got the most positive feedback from Brahms,” Orr said. “The vibe from the audience was just great and that’s why I continue to pursue it.”

Each year, Orr is chair of the University of Florida Young Pianist’s festival, and Orr’s skill as a pianist seems to be only surpassed by his skill as a teacher.

During his performance, he took time to make the recital personal and make commentary about the different aspects of the pieces that he performed.

Though many listeners were unfamiliar with classical music, all seemed to enjoy Orr’s performance.

“I came for extra credit for class,” said sophomore Samantha Jackson. “I think classical music helps you grow and helps you to relax.”

Thanks to Orr’s masterful performance, audience members were treated to a relaxing, informative and fun recital.



# The 10 best movies from the past year:

## Watch the Oscars Feb. 22 to see who takes home the awards!

BY CHRIS MOSKALY  
REVIEWER

### 1) The Dark Knight

“Why so serious!”

Bob Kane himself could've never predicted something like this; from the early casting rumors all the way down to it's highly-anticipated opening, 'The Dark Knight' soared above and beyond everything it promised! Shattering box-office records by day, and closing its run with a worldwide gross of nearly \$1 billion, it's no secret which movie made the biggest impact this year. If the late Heath Ledger isn't rewarded with an Oscar this Sunday, a serious injustice will have been done to cinema.

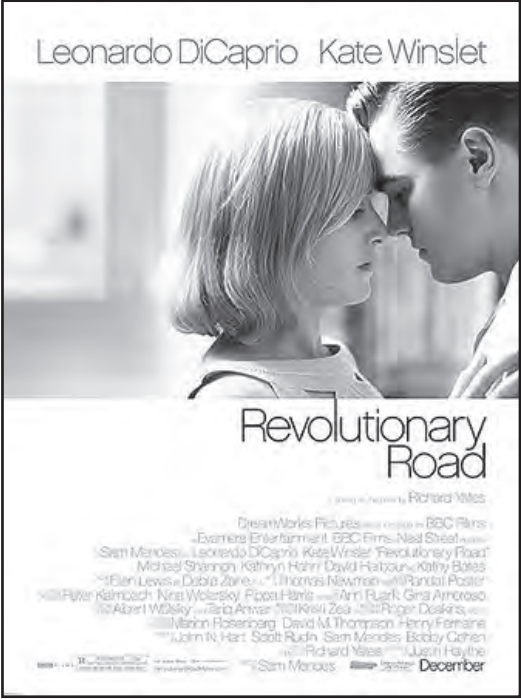
### 2) Slumdog Millionaire

“I thought we would meet only in death”

With vivid cinematography and gut-wrenching drama, Danny Boyle captures the Indian culture in a way that not only respects it, but also livens it with utter beauty. How could a young man bred from the streets know all the answers on a million dollar game show? The answer is his life... just as it was written.

### 3) Revolutionary Road

“No one ever forgets the truth; they just get better at lying”



Ten years after their groundbreaking work in "Titanic," Leonardo DiCaprio and Kate Winslet reunite as adults in a suburban drama about a casual married couple trying to fit into a more conservative community. They were outperformed by a giant ship as kids, but with two astonishing performances, "Revolutionary Road" proves that these two talents have matured way beyond their roots. It's not exactly a satirical companion to "American Beauty," but Sam Mendes does adhere to the "Mad Men" audience, while making plenty of his own contributions in this heartbreaking story.

### 4) The Wrestler

“I'm an old broken down piece of meat”

Mickey Rourke delivers one of the most thundering and heart-felt performances since Sylvester Stallone first bred the phenomenon of Rocky Balboa! Director Darren Aronofsky body slams us straight into the heart of an aging wrestler who must learn to cope with a crumbled personal life as he leaves behind the world that made him a legend. It's not your average stand-up-and-cheer type of story, but there's never been one quite like it before. And with Marisa Tomei lending a supporting role of equal triumph, "The Wrestler" falls nothing short of astounding!

### 5) Changeling

“I just want my son home”



How it compares to his other numerous masterpieces is up to the individual, but "Changeling" delivers a serious blow to the heart as Clint Eastwood proves once again why he is a pure icon in filmmaking. Angelina Jolie gives one of her best performances as a mother whose son disappears, and against insurmountable odds from a corrupt police department in Los Angeles, she races to find the truth in a search that could uncover more reality than she anticipated.

### 6) Gran Torino

“Get off my lawn!”

If "Dirty Harry" lived to be a retired tough-as-nails racist, Clint Eastwood's character in this movie would've undoubtedly been the product of such formula. It's truly a shame to see such an aggressive performance get overlooked, but only a man of Eastwood's stature could turn such a simple premise into a masterful result.

### 7) Frost/Nixon

“When the president does it, it's not illegal”

Acclaimed director Ron Howard constructs what is simply a boxing match between two political figures who have not only perfected their own strategy, but also memorized the other man's playbook. Michael Sheen and Frank Langella embody their respective characters to perfection as "Frost/Nixon" tells its story right by sticking to the primary focus, rather than trying to expand into all-round history.

### 8) Tropic Thunder

“Never go full retard!”

This is a comedy unlike anything we've ever seen. Ben Stiller and company basically throw a middle finger at the conservative audience with this “movie-within-a-movie” set-up that parodies all the classic tales of Vietnam. It's ruthless and offensive and couldn't care less about how many crybabies try to protest it.

### 9) Wall-E

“We'll see who's powerless now!”



It's been a few good years since Pixar gave me a true run for my money, but "Wall-E" is, for lack of a better term, the "E.T." of animation film. It's one thing to try reaching out to the adults who take their kids, but the story and characterization lifts this one way beyond just a simple puppet show of FX.

### 10) Wanted

“Kill one, maybe save a thousand”

Having come out during a year in which Tarantino was silent, "Wanted" easily wins the title of “Best Guilty Pleasure” for the year. Angelina Jolie has never been sexier as she sports a full body of tattoos and curves bullets in a film that knows how wildly insane it can be, and loves it!

## Orange Vanessa

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Titolo explains how the name was created for the band.

“We were walking to Saga and we stopped to ask a random girl what her name and favorite color were. That’s all; I don’t even remember what she looked like,” Titolo said.

Titolo claims that Orange Vanessa is not yet on the verge of becoming famous but does not have a doubt that they one day will. He says that the band is, “too smart, has too many connections and wants it too bad not to.”

According to Titolo, the best part about the developing recognition is the “random compliments and overall increased interest in Vanessa's doings.”

He tells us that their MySpace fans come from at least five different states and two

countries (United States of America and Canada).

Orange Vanessa has only a demo out right now but will soon be creating and recording their first album entitled “Stuck,” which will be available through both CDs and iTunes. In the mean time, their demo can be obtained with the purchase of a ticket to any of their gigs.

In the next five years Titolo says he sees Orange Vanessa touring. Josh Beck, a freshman Education major, has high hopes for the band’s future as well.

“I hope to see Orange Vanessa on the TV playing shows around the world,” he said.

In the upcoming months, there will be many opportunities to hear Orange Vanessa in person. They will be participating in the upcoming Battle of the Bands, Milledgeville’s Relay for Life in March and will also be performing at the Velvet Elvis in downtown Milledgeville on April 21.

## Aids Awareness

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Students from different religions, ethnicities and sexual orientations came to learn about how much truth this myth holds. While the discussion became heated and students expressed their personal views, all in attendance remained respectful and kept the atmosphere open-minded. Students were able to leave the discussion with a greater understanding that AIDS affects the whole society, not just part of it.

“AIDS is a real problem,” freshman English rhetoric major, Jay Parker said. “It doesn’t just affect the gay community or the African community.”

On Thursday, Feb. 12, the last discussion was held and this time it addressed the issues of AIDS in the African American community. Again, people from all backgrounds attended and were able to learn more about how AIDS affects different communities.

“I think it’s interesting to see,” said Brandon Jackson, a public ad-

ministrations graduate. “How the facts presented correlate with the truths of individuals.”

Friday hosted a day long auction where all proceeds benefited the Diversity House in Macon.

“The purpose of AIDS Awareness Week is to make students aware of the services we offer every day,” said the other A.N.G.E.L.S. president, Christina Begemann. “The Health Clinic offers free condoms and confidential HIV Testing during their normal hours.”

## February Events:

Spring Retreat: CRASH  
2/27-3/1  
\$50  
Sign up by Thursday 2/19!!!!

Women's Prayer Lunch  
Wed. 2/18  
@ 12:30 p.m.

Cans for Cans  
Bring in aluminum cans!  
Bin located on side porch of  
BCM House  
Raise \$ for local food bank.

Spring Break- D.C.  
3/20-3/29  
\$50 down payment  
\*\*Only 20 spots available\*\*  
Sign up deadline is Friday 2/20!!!

Baptist Collegiate Ministries  
www.gcsubcm.com

Chaplinwood Nursing Home  
It's Bingo Time!!  
Wed. 2/18 @ 1:45 p.m.

Free Dinner  
Tues. 3/3 @ 6:30 p.m.  
At BCM House

Leadership Council  
Applications  
Are available--fill one out today!  
Ask Mitch or Amy for a copy!

Homecoming Float Building  
We need all the help we can get!  
Bring a Friend!  
Thurs. 2/19 @ 7 p.m.

Join us for the  
3rd Annual  
Locks of Love  
Event!  
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# Bats come alive in five straight wins



COREY DICKSTEIN / SENIOR REPORTER  
Senior second baseman Brooks Robinson awaits a pitch as his teammates look on.

BY SCOTT THOMPSON  
SENIOR REPORTER

The GCSU baseball team is riding a five-game winning streak following a doubleheader sweep Tuesday afternoon against Columbia Union College.

The streak has pushed the Bobcats' record to 6-4, including a 6-1 mark at home to start the season.

The team had a three-game streak going after sweeping a Valentine's weekend series with Southern Connecticut State University in which the Bobcats scored 31 runs and were only challenged in the middle game, which they won 5-4.

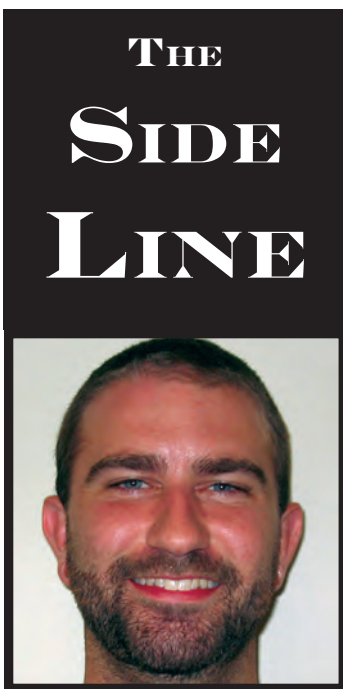
After being shut out and stranding runners through each of the first seven innings in the

first game on Tuesday, the Bobcats scored in the bottom of the eighth when junior infielder Brett George tripled to lead off, and later scored on junior center fielder Sean Harrell's sacrifice fly, making it a 2-1 deficit. It defined what would ensue in the bottom of the ninth.

With one out, junior outfielder Kyle Allen coaxed a walk. After stealing second, he scored on senior catcher Pete Paris's single, tying the game. Paris was then replaced by pinch runner Ryan Holland, a freshman utility player, who was caught stealing for the second out.

It seemed that the Bobcats had squandered their final opportunity, but Head Coach Tom Carty made two great managerial calls in the form of pinch hitters.

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BY PRESTON SELLERS  
SPORTS EDITOR

The way the Daytona 500 "ended" exemplified what is wrong with sports in America today. Matt Kenseth was declared the winner when rain prevented the race from being finished that night, instead of running the remaining 48 laps on Monday to determine the winner. NASCAR, like the other major sports organizations, is more concerned with making money and fitting their events into preset time frames than actually completing the game/match/race.

Ending a race before the predetermined number of laps has been reached completely removes any strategy and also screws the fans out of the drama the last few laps provide. The final lap insanity often makes or breaks a race, and to simply take that out of the equation is just wrong.

Imagine a marathon being stopped a mile from the finish. Of course the "winner," the person who was in first at the time, is happy, but what about the guy who saved himself for that last mile and was passing runners left and right? It's not fair and does not determine a true victor.

Sporting events can usually be broken down into beginning, middle and end segments. The beginning is important because one athlete or team can come out and establish dominance early, and/or set the pace of action. The middle is important for making adjustments, and setting up for the finish. The most important part, the finish, is why sports are so awesome in the first place. Heroes emerge, legends are made, and underdogs come through to beat giants, all in the final laps/minutes/seconds. How can the ending simply be removed from any sporting event? Do whatever it takes to complete the event, no matter what.

How can NASCAR decide they can stop a race before regulation is over? It is exactly these type of decisions that make this organization the most inept of the major sports in America. They have such a great product, but can't seem to make the correct decisions to keep drivers and fans happy.

This edition of the "Great American Race" is certainly one to forget among a history of great finishes.

# Bobcats back on track after two-game skid

BY SAM HUNT  
STAFF REPORTER

The GCSU men's basketball team is back to its winning ways after a convincing home victory against Georgia Southwestern State University on Wednesday night. After their loss on Valentine's Day, the Bobcats were on their first losing streak of the season but have won two straight.

The Bobcats were on the road on Saturday, Feb. 14 to play Lander University at Greenville, S.C. and were defeated by the Bearcats 70-62.

The Bobcats then came out of their two-game losing streak and got back on track when they defeated Columbus State on the road on Monday night 80-72. The high scorer for this game was junior guard Graham Martin with 22 points. Martin shot 7-of-14 on field goals, including 4-of-9 on threes, and 4-of-4 on free throws.

Senior guard Shaun Keaton scored a total of 18 points, including a perfect 7-of-7 from the line. The Bobcats' shooting record for the entire game was 43.9 percent from the floor, including 39.4 percent on three-point field goals, and an 85 percent on free throws.

The Bobcats returned home to play GSW on Wednesday night and defeated the Hurricanes 63-45.

The 'Cats started the game playing extremely aggressively. The Bobcats gained a ten point lead with 14:48 remaining in the first half when a three-pointer made by senior guard Shaun Keaton put the 'Cats ahead 17-7.

The first half ended with GCSU leading GSW 36-23. The Bobcats' shooting average for the first half was 46.7 percent for field goals, 50 percent for three-point field goals, and 100 percent for free throws. The 'Cats also out-rebounded the Hurricanes 19-17.

The highest scorer for the first half was sophomore forward Reece Wiedeman with 12 points, with a shooting average of 6-of-8 on field goals.

"Everyone contributed," Wiedeman said. "That's when you have the best game is when everyone contributes, and everybody stepped onto the floor and did something tonight."

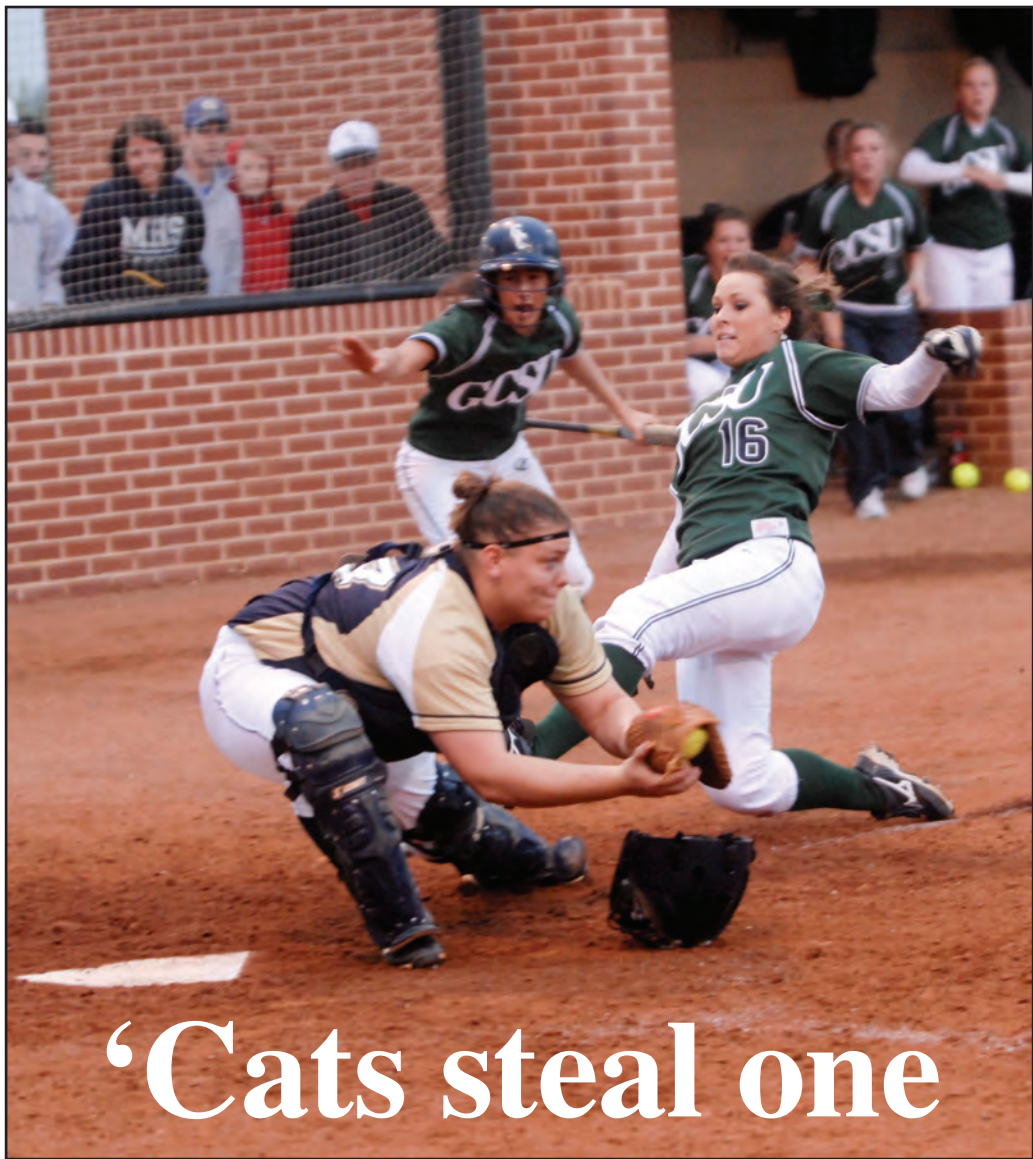
Keaton was the second highest scorer, tacking on 11 points. Keaton was 3-7 on field goals, 3-of-5 on three-point field goals, and 2-2 on free throws.

The Bobcats, determined to get back on a winning streak, continued to play aggressively by outscoring and outrebounding the Hurricanes.

With 13:27 remaining in the game, the Bobcats held a 21-point lead on Georgia Southwestern when Wiedeman made a lay-up, making the score 46-25. Then two free-throws made by sophomore guard Andre Mikell gave GCSU their largest lead at 48-25.

The Bobcats did not let up offensively and defensively and the game ended with GCSU earning the victory over GSW

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ROSS COUCH / SENIOR PHOTOGRAPHER  
Senior outfielder Haley Holloway slides into home for the game-winning run in Game 1 of the Bobcats' doubleheader against Wingate on Valentine's Day. **Read the full story on page 16.**

# 'Cats steal one

# Ladies back in win column

BY MATT CHAMBERS  
STAFF REPORTER

The GCSU women's basketball team won a hard fought battle against the Georgia Southwestern State University Wednesday night. The 51-44 result ended the Bobcats' two-game losing streak.

On Valentine's Day the women's team barely lost at Lander University 83-82. Sophomore Dominique Huffin was the leading scorer against Lander with a total of 28 points. Junior guard Shandrea Moore and senior forward Tiauna Brantley both

racked up 10 points apiece, and sophomore guard Mandi Dudish added 11. GCSU was beaten on Nardia Robbins' jumper with 1.9 seconds left on the clock.

Two days later, the Lady Bobcats could not fight off Columbus State, losing 72-66. Before fouling out, Reames was able to score 15 points and grab 13 boards for her third double-double of the season. Dudish tied for most points on the night with 15, on five threes.

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# Golf takes fourth at Matlock Collegiate Classic

BY KYLE COLLINS  
SENIOR REPORTER

For the spring opener Feb. 16-17, the GCSU golf team headed south to warmer confines in Lakeland, Fla. The Matlock Collegiate Classic, hosted by Florida Southern College, kicked off a competitive spring for the Bobcats.

The field included the defending national champions, West Florida University, along with several other highly ranked teams. Peach Belt Conference foes Columbus State University and Clayton State University were also present at the host site, Lone

Palm Golf Club.

GCSU entered the spring kickoff ranked No. 6 in the Golf World/NIKE Golf Division II Coaches' Poll, third overall behind PBC rivals No. 5 Columbus State and No. 1 University of South Carolina at Aiken.

Before departing for the Florida trip, the lineup saw a shake up. Brazilian talent Pedro Lima was sidelined by a stomach ailment, sending redshirt sophomore Matthew Yonz in his place. Yonz got the go-ahead because of his sixth-place finish in recent qualifying.

Even without Lima, the squad still had a chance

to contend at the Matlock. Play began with 36 nonstop holes on Monday

Gusty winds in the opening round challenged most teams, as 12 of 15 schools shot over par. Newberry College negotiated the breeze with a four-under-par 284 for an early lead. Columbus State's Michael Hicks and Clayton State's Will Wilcox had the two lowest individual marks at 67 and 68 respectively.

GCSU posted a less than spectacular 293 with a low of 72 and a high of 75. Sophomore Billy Shida was the only Bobcat to match par.

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# THE SHORT STOP



## Upcoming Sports

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### Baseball:

Feb. 21	2 p.m.	Armstrong Atlantic
Feb. 22	11:30 a.m.	Armstrong Atlantic
Feb. 22	2:30 p.m.	Armstrong Atlantic

### Tennis:

Feb. 24	2 p.m.	Armstrong Atlantic
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**Quote of the Week**

"My goal is to keep Junior behind me. I went to block him. I beat him to the yellow line and then he just turned us. To wreck somebody intentionally like that in front of the entire field is really kind of dangerous. That's my problem with it."

-NASCAR driver Brian Vickers, regarding a wreck initiated by Dale Earnhardt Jr. during the Daytona 500 which took out several of the leading cars. (AP)

**Stat of the Week**

# 48

Laps still to be run, of the 200 total, in the 2009 Daytona 500 when the race was cut short due to weather.



# Tennis has mixed results against Columbus State



LISSA SPEER / SENIOR PHOTOGRAPHER  
Senior Gabby Acuna sets up for a return against Columbus State.

BY MATT CHAMBERS  
STAFF REPORTER

This past weekend, the Bobcats’ men’s tennis team slipped past Columbus State University with a narrow 5-4 win, but the women’s team dropped all nine matches to the Cougars.

GCSU’s men slashed through CSU’s singles teams, only giving up two matches.

The No. 8 singles player in the nation, senior Erick Siqueira, defeated Dimitri Caron in twin 6-1 sets. Fellow senior Justin Pickham matched up against Frank Suarez in a three-set match. Pickham pulled it out against the No. 23 player in the country, winning 6-2, 6-7, 6-3. The third senior, No. 24-ranked Francis Yoshimoto, defeated Nemanja Djuric 6-4, 6-0.

The men’s team suffered two singles losses to the Cougars. Junior Giovane Nucci lost out to Paul van Rensburg 4-6, 7-6, 2-6. Max Beliankou, who was suffering from cramps and a minor injury, struggled against Diego Motivar, losing 6-4, 4-6, 2-6.

Coming back from being down in the third set, Joao Casagrande won the final match of the tournament against Luis Gonzalez 4-6, 6-3, 7-5.

Coach Barsby was pleased with Casagrande’s tournament-winning victory.

“Joao, who clenched the final match for us, has struggled with that before so it was good to see him pull off the win,” Barsby said. “Something like [a come from behind victory] early in the season brings all the guys together because they were pumped up about it.”

Prior to the men’s singles matches, the day got off to a rocky start with the men’s team only winning one doubles match.

The No. 2 doubles team in the country, Siqueira and Pickham, defeated the No. 16 duo Suarez and Gonzalez 8-3. Casagrande and Yoshimoto fell to the Cougars’ Caron and Rensburg 8-4.

Max Beliankou and Giovane Nucci faced up against Diego Motivar and Nemanja Djuric in an extremely heated match. The Bobcats were able to force a tiebreaker, but faltered, losing 9-8 to the Cougars.

Despite the victory over the Cougars, Barsby remained focused on improvement.

“We didn’t play great, but we played solid,” Barsby said. “We need to improve our doubles with the guys.”

The women’s team stumbled against Columbus State’s No. 5 ranked women’s teams as well.

In doubles, seniors Gabby Acuna and Marjorie Ceppo fought hard against the Cougars’ Eva Petschnig and Hanane Toumi, but fell 8-1.

The twosome of junior Diane Danna and sophomore Bertille Lion battled Roxana Dondera and Gabriela Vasilescu, but ended up losing 8-6.

GCSU’s Adriana Acuna and Angy Cuellar were outmatched against Columbus State’s Daniela Castillo and Lindsey Groenewald falling 8-0.

In women’s singles, the Bobcats were outplayed by the Cougars.

At the number one slot, No. 48 Ceppo challenged No. 5 Petschnig, but lost out in the end 6-3, 6-1.

Junior Danna took on Dondera from the Cougars losing 6-1, 6-3. Lion was defeated by the Cougars’ Toumi 6-1, 6-3.

Both of the Acuna sisters fell to the Cougars. Gabby lost out to Vasilescu 6-3, 6-0, and Adriana was defeated by Erin Reynolds 6-1, 6-1.

Coach Barsby was not too concerned over the women’s loss.

“The women are working hard, it’s just we started our season with the No. 3 and No. 5 teams in the country,” Barsby said. “I think we’re a lot better than we’ve shown so far.”

## Golf

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Monday’s second round gave the competitors some reprieve. Lone Palm’s defense is a steady breeze, meaning a calmer atmosphere in round two opened up the birdie gates.

Seven teams shot par or better the second go round. Clayton State’s eleven-under-par 277 scorched all challengers, giving them a commanding 12-shot advantage over second place Newberry.

Wilcox continued his strong play, shooting 67 in round two, as his individual lead grew to five.

The Bobcats’ second round 290 left them in eighth place after day one. Junior Niclas Johansson, Shida and Yonz were all tied for 22nd with 146 totals. Sophomore Joe Young and Junior Francisco Bide were at 147 and 149.

Head Coach Jimmy Wilson said the guys could not get anything going. He described the early play as mediocre.

Though the GCSU golfers’ scores were tightly packed, the lack of under-par scores left them treading water after two rounds. Considering the Bobcats were only seven shots out of second, a decent finish remained attainable.

On the final day, GCSU heated up despite

a pulled muscle hampering Young’s output.

The team score got as low as eight-under-par, but some late round struggles pushed the end result back to a one-under, 287 on the day. GCSU moved into fourth place behind the University of West Florida, Columbus State and the champion Clayton State.

Clayton Wilcox shot a final round 70 for an 11-under-par total, giving him the individual title.

The Bobcats were one of two squads posting under-par team rounds the final day. Yonz and Johansson paced the attack with rounds of 70 and 69. Johansson finished in a tie for eighth, while Yonz’s tenth-place tie was a career best. A lone bogey on the last hole prevented Yonz from a round in the 60s.

“It makes me feel good, and I know I can do it again,” Yonz said. “I’ll be able to handle it and finish better next time.”

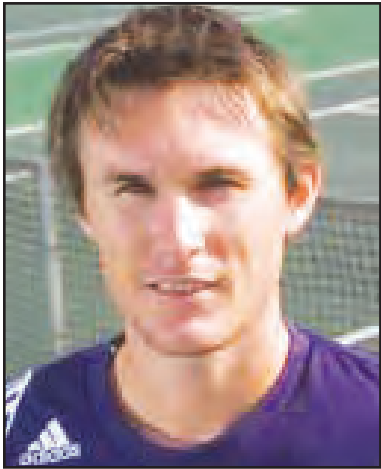
Shida’s closing 73 left him in 20th. Bide and Young could never catch a rhythm, as they finished several shots back of their teammates.

Wilson is not disappointed with the finish, considering it was the first tournament of the spring.

“We’ll be fine,” Wilson said. “It just wasn’t our week.”

Continuing a long tournament stretch, the Bobcats play the Pirate Invitational in Savannah, Ga. next week, Feb. 23-24.

## Athlete of the week: Justin Pickham



Pickham

BY PRESTON SELLERS  
SENIOR REPORTER

The GCSU Athletic Department has named Justin Pickham, a senior on the men’s tennis team, its athlete of the week for the week ending Feb. 15.

Pickham also earned Peach Belt Conference Player of the Week for his performances.

He grabbed two wins on Feb. 15 against No. 16 Columbus State including a 6-3 upset

of the No. 23 singles player in the country

When he teamed with Erick Siqueira, they earned an 8-2 doubles win over the No. 16 doubles pair.

The Athlete of the Week award is Pickham’s third of the year, while the PBC Player of the Week award is his first.

He is the first Bobcat men’s tennis player to take PBC Player of the Week since Siqueira on March 24, 2008.

## Baseball

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COREY DICKSTEIN / SENIOR REPORTER  
Sophomore Eric Pettepfer winds up against SCSU on Saturday. Pettepfer struck out eight in seven innings, and the Bobcat pitchers combined for a one-hit shutout.

Carty first called on junior infielder Buddy Elmore, who promptly singled to right field. Then, he sent junior infielder Steve Muoio to the plate. Muoio proceeded to slam a 1-0 fastball over the fence in right field for a two-run, walk-off home run, much to the delight of the home crowd.

“I knew I needed extra focus for the at-bat, because I wanted to come up big for the team,” Muoio said. “I really just wanted to get to the next guy.”

The GCSU pitching staff were the unsung heroes of the game. Sophomore Alex Burkard and juniors Mike Tokessy, Ryan Tabor and Martin Dewald combined to limit the Pioneers to five hits and two runs, while issuing six walks. The four hurlers also combined for 15 strikeouts. Tokessy fanned seven in four innings, and he is yet to allow a run this season.

The Bobcats also played great defense, committing no errors in the field.

“If we pitch well and field well behind it, we’re in every game,” senior infielder Derek Johns said.

The second game was vastly different for the Bobcats. In an absolute blowout, the Bobcats flexed their offensive muscles, destroying the Pioneers 22-2. The base paths were more like a carousel for the Bobcats, who seemingly rounded them at will. Ten different Bobcats had at least one RBI, and 12 different players scored runs. Junior first baseman Matt Pitts homered and drove in four runs, and sophomore catcher Richard Pirkle hit a grand slam in the bottom of the fifth to account for the game’s final four runs. Senior outfielder Danny McCorkell, Johns and Paris had big games, combining for eight RBI’s and seven runs on ten hits.

“It was good to see us break out offensively,” Carty said. “Our offense is getting guys on, stealing bases and getting the extra-base hit.”

The GCSU pitching staff turned in an even better performance in the second game. Junior Kyle Cravey, sophomore Ryan Parson, and juniors Andrew Harris and Clay Mobbs combined to allow just one earned run and three hits, while only walking two batters.

The Bobcats return to action Saturday at 2 p.m. to face conference rival Armstrong Atlantic State University at home in their first conference game of the season.

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Senior forward Justin Brown looks to drive against a GSW defender on Wednesday night.



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Sophomore forward Josh Hurst soars for a dunk against GSW.

## Men's Bball

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63-46. The Bobcats' shooting average for the second half was 34.5 percent on field goals, 30.8 percent for three-point field goals and 75 percent for free throws. The Bobcats out-rebounded the Hurricanes 39-33.

The highest scorer for the game was Keaton, who put 20 points on the board for the Bobcats. He shot 6-of-12 on field goals, 6-of-10 on three-point field goals, and 2-of-2 on free throws.

"It was a big win for us," Keaton said. "It was our next to last home game and it was exciting that we hit a lot of shots. It was a good game for us."

Wiedeman scored the second-most points, with a total of 16 points and a shooting average of 8-of-11 for field goals. The Bobcats' shooting average for the entire game was 40.7 percent on field goals, 40 percent on three-point field goals and a solid 83.3 percent on free throws.

The GCSU Bobcats play their final home game against Francis Marion University on Saturday, Feb. 21 at 4:00 p.m.

"We have not reached our peak yet," Head Coach Terry Sellers said. "We need to step it up a notch if we want to have a good postseason."

# Softball splits tough series

## Chandler dominates Game 1, moves up PBC ranks

BY PRESTON SELLERS  
SENIOR REPORTER

On Valentine's Day, the GCSU softball team faced Wingate University in a double-header and split the series, taking the first game 2-1 in extra innings and dropping the second game 8-6.

The Bobcats' star pitcher, senior Mandy Chandler, started both games and went the distance, totaling 15 innings and 28 strikeouts on the day. She struck out 14 Bulldogs in each game, bringing her total to 84 in 47.1 innings pitched this year.

Chandler has stepped up to fill in for younger pitchers on the Bobcat staff who haven't grown accustomed to the college game yet. Her sister, freshman Sabrina, started the second game but did not record an out before Mandy came in to pitch seven innings.

"Our young pitchers have shown that they can perform well," senior second baseman Lindsey Swanson said. "But they just need innings. They have to adjust to better hitters in college and a three-foot (farther) difference between the mound and home plate."

Swanson explained the reasoning behind Chandler pitching back-to-back games. Last season, Chandler usually pitched the first game of a series, and would get a rest during the second.

"It's Coach (Chaffinch)'s call," Swanson said. "But Mandy will go out there and throw until she dies on the field."

The offense was held in check during the first game, with a 1-1 first-inning score holding until the bottom of the extra eighth inning.

In the top of the eighth, Chandler forced a double play to put the game in the hands of the Bobcat offense.

They delivered, as a routine groundout by Swanson turned into the game-winning run. Senior outfielder Haley Holloway sped for home when she noticed the Bulldogs' first baseman had lost track of her. She slid

in safely, securing the 2-1 victory and the hard-earned win for Chandler. This win gave her 76 for her career, putting her alone in fourth place in Peach Belt Conference history.

The second game proved less successful for the Bobcats, as Chandler could not repeat the gutsy performance of the early game. She gave up eight hits, five earned runs including the game-winning three-run home run by Emily Chavis, while walking one to go along with the 14 strikeouts. She now has 874 career strikeouts, only one behind second place in PBC history.

Despite outhitting the Bulldogs 13-9, the Bobcats could not push enough runners across the plate.

Freshman outfielder Stephanie Lezcano went 2-for-3 with an RBI and a run scored, and senior third baseman Tonya Medders and junior utility player Kayla Smith each went 3-for-4 with a run scored.

"Wingate is one of our biggest competitors in the region," senior first baseman Chelsea Wilson said. "They came out with speed this year that we hadn't seen before."

Swanson echoed Wilson's sentiments.

"We had a lot of trouble with their first two batters getting on base with their speed," Swanson said. "Also, their pitcher in the first game was a 'dropball' pitcher, which takes getting used to."

At this point, the Bobcats are 7-2 overall and 2-0 in PBC play. Wilson is excited about the team's chances.

"I'm hands down excited about this season," Wilson said. "This is the most solid we've been one through nine since I've been here, and we've got sparks coming off the bench at all positions."

The Bobcats' scheduled games against Georgia Southwestern State University this Wednesday were moved to March 12 due to inclement weather. Thus, the team's next stop is the Charger Chillout tournament at the University of Alabama at Huntsville in Decatur, Ala. From Feb. 20-22.



SEAN NOAH / STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Freshman outfielder Stephanie Lezcano makes contact against Wingate on Saturday. Lezcano was 2-for-3 with an RBI and a run scored in game one of the doubleheader.

## Women's Bball

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Senior guard Emily Bixler also scored in the double digits, racking up 11 points.

Despite high scoring games in the past, on Wednesday night neither team's offense was able to get started due to solid defense on both sides of the court. The Bobcats were kept from shooting inside and were forced to attempt a total of eleven three pointers, making only one.

GSW's Nadirah Gardner proved to be a difficult player for the women to defend, as she shot 5-for-8 in the first half.

Both teams struggled to establish any dominance the entire first half, keeping each other under 30 points. The Bobcats lead the game 25-19 at halftime, utilizing their four successful free throws compared to GSW's zero.

After halftime, the Bobcats came out fighting, scoring the first field goal and setting the tone for the rest of the game.

The team was able to score 26 more points in the second half, but Head Coach John Carrick was not impressed with the Bobcat's shooting percentage.

"We shot 31 percent," Carrick said. "That might be the worst we've shot all year, but if it's not, then it's pretty darn close."

Reames tied her season high by scoring 16 points. She also had 11 boards, eight that were defensive.

Coach John Carrick felt Reames was most valuable player during the game for multiple reasons.

"She had double-digit rebounds, double-digit scoring and she had a bunch of blocks, not to mention how many shots she altered, not to mention how many times people drove it down, saw her and decided to kick it back out to somebody," Carrick said.

Dudish was able to add 12 points to the team's score. More importantly in such a defensive game, Dudish got a total of six rebounds. Moore's seven assists helped the team keep control of the game and hold on for the win.

Although the game was not as high-scoring as usual, Carrick was pleased with the result.

"We played a real good defensive game, it's a shame we couldn't put the ball in the hole," Carrick said. "It's good to win a game when you can't put it in the hole."

# READ:

[reed], verb.

1. To look at carefully so as to understand the meaning of (something written, printed, etc.)

2. to render in speech

3. to have such knowledge of a language as to be able to understand it.

4. To acquire knowledge from the written text.

5. to apprehend the meaning of

6. to adopt or give as a reading in a particular passage



# WHAT'S HAPPENING

Friday, Feb. 20 - Thursday, Feb. 26

Friday, February 20

11:30 am -1:30 p.m.

Alumni homecoming Weekend: Peabody Luncheon  
Magnolia Ballroom

12:00 p.m.- 6:00 p.m.

Alumni homecoming Weekend: Alumni  
Registration, Magnolia Ballroom Foyer

3:00 p.m.- 4:30 p.m.

Alumni homecoming Weekend: Student  
Government Association Reunion  
University Banquet Room

6:30 p.m.- 8:30p.m.

Alumni homecoming Weekend: Welcome  
Reception, Magnolia Ballroom

7:00 p.m.

Alumni homecoming Weekend: Cartel and Shop  
Boyz, West Campus Center

Saturday, February 21

8:30 a.m.

5th Annual GEICO Bobcat Ramble Fun Run &  
5K,Wellness Depot

8:30 am -10:00 am

Alumni homecoming Weekend: School of Health  
Sciences Alumni Event, Wellness Depot

9:30 a.m.- 11:00.a.m.

Alumni homecoming Weekend: Registration  
Magnolia Ballroom Foyer

9:30 a.m.- 4:30 p.m.

Alumni homecoming Weekend: Old Governor's  
Mansion Tours, Old Governor's Mansion

9:30 a.m.- 11:00 a.m.

Alumni homecoming Weekend: Campus Open  
House, Various Facilities

11:30 a.m.- 1:00 p.m.

Alumni homecoming Weekend: Honor Roll  
Luncheon, Magnolia Ballroom

12:30 p.m.

2009 GCSU Homecoming Parade  
Formation will be on Greene Street in front of  
dorms.

1:00 p.m.- 2:00p.m.

Alumni homecoming Weekend: National  
Pan-Hellenic Council Fraternities/Sororities  
Reunion, University Banquet Room

2:00 p.m.

Lady Bobcats Basketball vs. Francis Marion  
Centennial Center

2:00 p.m.

Bobcats Baseball Doubleheader v. Armstrong  
Atlantic, Kurtz Field (West Campus)

5:00 p.m.- 7:00p.m.

Alumni homecoming Weekend: School of  
Education Alumni Event, Kilpatrick Hall

7:00 p.m.

Alumni homecoming Weekend: Ambassador  
Reunion, Milledgeville Country Club

Sunday, February 22

11:30 a.m.

Bobcats Baseball Doubleheader v. Armstrong  
Atlantic,Kurtz Field (West Campus)

3:00 p.m.

Lecture by Nancy Smith Fichter and Robert  
Fichter, Andalusia Farm

Monday, February 23

10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Resume Review Days, 232 Lanier Hall

Tuesday, February 24

12:30 p.m.

Legacy of Colonialism Series: North Africa  
Arts & Sciences Auditorium

7:30 p.m.

Faculty Artist Recital: Daniel Kaplunas, violin,  
and Marcelina Turcanu, piano, Max Noah

Wednesday, February 25

12:30 p.m.

Brown Bag Lunches for Faculty, Max Noah

12:30 p.m.

Times Talk, Beeson Hall, Lower Level

2:00 p.m.

Bobcats Tennis Doubleheader v. Armstrong  
Atlantic,Centennial Center

4:00 p.m.

Career Fair Crash Course,208 Atkinson Hall

5:30 p.m.

Lady Bobcats Basketball vs. UNC Pembroke  
Centennial Center

7:30 p.m.

Bobcats Basketball vs. UNC Pembroke  
Centennial Center

8:00 p.m.

The Rover by Aphra Behn, Russell Auditorium

Thursday, February 26

8:30 a.m.- 10:30 a.m.

Interfaith Breakfast on Religious Pluralism 101  
University Banquet Room

2:00 p.m.

Resume & Interviewing Skills Workshop  
102 Chappell Hall


4:00 p.m.

The Road to the Office Series, 208 Atkinson

5:00 p.m.- 7:00 p.m.


Everyday Mythologies by Dana Thacker:  
Closing Reception, GCSU Museum

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## Public Safety Report



### Panic Alarm


On Feb. 16 at approximately 6 a.m. Sgt. Reonas was dispatched to Wells Hall in reference to a panic alarm. Contact was made with a student, who advised that she had emergency surgery earlier in the day and that the area operated on would not stop bleeding. EMS responded and transported her to Oconee Regional Medical Center for treatment

### Harassment

On Feb. 17 at approximately 11 a.m. a 17-year-old student reported that he was getting harassing phone calls. The student advised that he accidentally broke another students sunglasses while getting into a car. The student has repeatedly called and texted the student, threatening him. Contact was made with the subject, who admitted that it was an accident and was instructed to not have contact with the student.


### Broken Window


On Feb. 18 at approximately 2 a.m Sgt. Ennis observed a vehicle on Hancock Street with no headlights on. A traffic stop was initiated and contact made with the driver and three passengers. All subjects were under 21 years of age. All subjects tested positive for alcohol on the Alco-Sensor. The subjects were arrested and transported to Milledgeville PD. The driver was charged with DUI. The passengers were charged with underage possession of alcohol.



Information compiled by Stephanie Sorensen

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### Springfest 2009 Saturday, March 7.

Please be sure your calendars are marked with a red circle for our spring premiere visitation day for high school seniors who have been admitted for Fall '09. To view the day's agenda, direct admitted students to the on-line reservation site.

The day begins with a

Welcome Session that includes performances by our amazing Jazz Band and The Max Noah Singers. Following the welcome, guests will be escorted to the Academic Programs for an impressive assortment of presentations and tours.


Afternoon activities include lunch in the dining hall, tour of the Bobcat Marketplace on front campus and Open House Opportunities.

Springfest students who have not yet POUNCE'd will be invited/encouraged to POUNCE while on campus March 7.

If you are an advisor or member of an RSO (Registered Student Organization), we hope you are planning to participate in the Bobcat Marketplace on front campus. Tables should be reserved online.

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